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ALL SUNDAY NEWSPAPERS IN SOUTH AFRECA GAVE HEAVY PLAY
TO KISSINGER/VORSTER TALKS.

" SUNDAY EXPRESS" CARRIED REPORT FROM ZURICH BY POLITICAL
CORRESPONDENT HUGH MURRAY ON FRONT PAGE UNDER HEADLINE
"7 LEADERS MEET IN TWO SUMMITS". MURRAY SAID DAR ES
SLAAM MEETING OF FIVE PRESIDENTS WILL " MAKE OR BREAK"
THE ZURICH INITIATIVE. JOB OF DAR MEETING DESCRIBED
" TO HAMMER OUT A UNITY ACCORD ON ANY PEACE PROPOSALS
FROM ZURICH AND TO SETTLE BICKERING RHODESIAN AND SWA
" LIBERATION' MOVEMENTS". ZURICH SUMMIT'S AIMS LISTED
AS " BREAKING TWO DEADLONKS" -- BETWEEN SMITH AND
INTRANSIGENT DIVIDED ANC, AND VORSTER AND SWAPO.

ARTICLE SAID KISSINGER WOULD ARGUE FAILURE TO RESOLVE
INTERNAL UNREST IN SA WAS " UNWITTINGLY PROMOTING
COMMUNISM". KISSINGER PEACE PLAN IS GIVEN AS PERSUADING
SMITH TO NEGOTIATE FOR MAJORITY RULE WITHING TWO YEARS
IN EXCHANGE FOR GUARANTEES OF PROTECTION FOR MINORITY
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RIGHTS UNDERWRITTEN BY MAJOR WESTERN POWERS ALONG WITH

MASSIVE INVESTMENT BY WEST IN AFRICA.

EDITORIAL SAID MEETING BASICALLY " IS TO SECURE SOUTHERN AFRICA AGAINST COMMUNISM." VORSTER SAID TO HOLD THE KEY IN RHODESIA AND SWA, BUT THAT SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF MUST CHANGE. " THE LAST THING DR KISSINGER CAN AFFORD IS TO BE SEEN HELPING US BUY MORE TIME TO PROLONG APARTHEID. NOTHING COULD BE MORE CERTAIN TO DRIVE BLACKS EVERYWHERE CLOSER TO THE COMMUNISTS THAN THAT. SO IF HIS WHOLE INITIATIVE IS NOT TO BACKFIRE, HE MUST SHOW THAT IT IS NOT PROLONGING APARTHEID BUY HASTENING ITS PEACEFUL DEMISE. AND ONCE MORE MR VORSTER IS THE ONLY PERSON WHO CAN BRING THAT ABOUT."

AFRIKAANS LANGUAGE "RAPPORT" HAD FRONT PAGE STORY BY POLITICAL COMMENTATOR HENNIE PRETORIUS EMPHASIZING KUANDA STATEMENT THAT " WARS OF LIBERATION CAN END IF NEGOTIATIONS IN ZURICH HAVE A POSITIVE OUTCOME." PAPER'S EDITORIAL SAID " ENTIRE SUBCONTINENT IS WATCHING THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN VORSTER AND KISSINGER WITH THE UTMOST INTEREST" AND CALLED MEETING " ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH THE FUNDAMENTAL BASIS FOR PEACE IN THE SUBCONTINENT.... THE ALTERNATIVE IS FEARFUL AND THE TIME REMAINING FOR PEACEFUL RESOLUTION IS DIMINISHING. ... THE TALKS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY INTENSIFIED AMERICANM C CONTACTS WITH RELEVANT NATIONS IN AFRICA AND THE WEST... BOTH U.S. AND SA ARE SERIOUS ABOUT NECESSITY FOR PEACE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND ALL RIGHT- MINDED PEOPLE SHOULD SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS."

" SUNDAY TRIBUNE" OF DURBAN FRONT- PAGED REPORT BY JOHN PATTON, ARGUS CHAIN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT TRAVELING WITH SA DELEGATION. " IAN SMITH, JOHN VORSTER AND HENRY KISSINGER MAY MEET IN PRETORIA NEXT WEEK FOR A SUMMIT MEETING WHICH WILL DECIDE ALL SOUTHERN AFRICA'S FUTURE." PATTON SAID HOWEVER MEETING WAS " DEPENDENT ON PROGRESS IN ZURICH." PATTON POINTED TO " PROVISIONAL PLAN FOR KISSINGER TO VISIT KEY AFRICAN UNCLASSIFIED

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CAPITALS NEXT WEEK", WHOSE PURPOSE WAS GIVEN AS " TO ENSURE OTHER SUPPORT OF A DEAL CULMINATING IN A FURTHER URGENT SUMMIT NEXT WEEKEND." PATTON PREDICTED " MAJOR BREAK-THROUGH IN TALKS WITH VORSTER" TAKING THE DEAL TO MR SMITH, WITH JAMES CALLAGHAN NEGOTIATING FINAL SETTLEMENT WITH SMITH GOVT." ARTICLE ENDED BY SAYING IF TALKS FAIL," SOUTHERN AFRICA MAY PLUNGE INTO TOTAL WAR... IF THEY SUCCEED, WAVE OF PROSPERITY COULD COME TO ALL

NATIONS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA."

EDITORIAL IS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT SUCCESS OF TALKS
GIVEN LIMITATIONS TO VORSTER AND FACT HE SAID " NO OUTSIDE
POWER WILL TELL HIM WHAT TO DO." IN ADDITION, PAPER
SAYS " THERE IS " STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT
DR KISSINGER IS ON HIS WAY OUT AND THAT A NEW DEMOCRATIC
SECRETARY OF STATE IS ON HIS WAY IN."

MASS CIRCULATION" SUNDAY TIMES" HAD FRONT PAGE HEADLINE
" VORSTER TALKS SWING TO SWA" ARTICLE BY CORRESPONDENT
FLEUR DE VILLIERS FROM ZURICH SAYS " SWA HAS DISPLACED
RHODESIA AS THE MAIN TOPIC AT THE CRUCIAL ZURICH
SUMMIT BETWEEN MR VORSTER AND SECRETARY OF STATE DR
HENRY KISSINGER" BECAUSE OF A " HARDLINE AFRICAN ATTITUDE
TO DR KISSINGER'S PEACE PLAN FOR RHODESIA... DR. K
WAS CAUGHT BY SURPRISE BY OPPOSITION EXPRESS FROM
DAR ES SALAAM." SHE CITES " BRITISH SOURCES" FOR
REPORT THAT FIVE PRESIDENTS HOLD THE VIEW THAT
THE FUTURE OF RHODESIA SHOULD BE LEFT TO AFRICA TO
SETTLE AND THAT KISSINGER SHOULD RATHER PRESS FOR
PROGRESS ON SWA IN HIS TALKS WITH MR VORSTER. SHE
ADDS THAT KISSINGER WILL NOT VISIT AFRICA AFTER THE
ZURICH MEETING BUT WILL RETURN TO WASHINGTON INSTEAD.
KISSINGER'S AIM IS LISTED " TO GET SOUTH AFRICA,
SWAPO AND THE TURNHALLE DELEGATES TO THE SAME CONFERENCE
TABLE AND SET UP A FORUM FOR DISCUSSION-- POSSIBLY
WITH THE UN INCLUDED... S.A.' S DOMESTIC PROBLEMS FO
NTO FEATURE PROMINENTLY ON DR KISSINGER'S AGENDA".
CONCESSIONS TO S.A. ARE LISTED AS " US AID TO AN
INDEPENDENT SWA, US PROTECTION OF ANY KISSINGER-APPROVED
PLAN ON SWA AND RELAXATION OF THE ECONOMIC SQUEEZE ON
SOUTH AFRICA.
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OTHER ARTICLE BY GUY BERNARD IN WASHINGTON DESCRIBES
KISSINGER PLAN AS " BOLD, MULTINATIONAL, TWO-TIERED 1.8 BILLION
RAND (TWO BILLION DOLLARS) PROGRAMME TO BRING PEACE TO SOUTHERN
AFRICA", TO BAIL OUT RHODESIA'S WHITE SETTLERS AND BRING
MULTINATIONAL TECHNOLOGICAL AID AND INVESTMENT WITH LOW-INTEREST
LOANS TO RHODESIA AND ITS SOUTHERN AFRICA NAIGHBORS. "THE
BEAUTY OF THE IDEA--WHICH IS TYPICAL KISSINGER -- IS THAT IT
AIMS AT DOING THAT WHICH THE WEST DOES BEST -- CREATING REAL
WEALTH, COMPARED WITH WHAT THE RUSSIANS CAN DO WITH COMMUNISM AND
GUNS? WHICH PRODUCE MERELY MISERY AND SLAVERY IN THEIR WAKE.
BERNARD SAYS CATCHES ARE 1) VORSTER MUST PRESSURE IAN SMITH
HARDER; AND 2) SA WILL HAVE TO MOVE FASTER ON SWA WITH SOME
"MEANINGFUL ACCOMODATION WITH SWAPO".

"SUNDAY TIMES" EDITORIALIZED THAT" THERE IS LITTLE HOPE FOR THE
TALKS UNLESS MR VORSTER IS CARRYING IN HIS PORTMANTEAU
PROPOSALS TO DEFUSE THE RACIAL CONFLICT WITHIN S.A." PAPER SAID
IF VORSTER MAKES CONCESSIONS ON SWA, RHODESIA AND ON S.A. ITSELF,
" MR VORSTER WILL BE IN A POSITION TO INSIST ON RECIPROCAL
RESPONSES FROM THE WEST. THESE COULD BE IN THE VITAL FIELDS OF
DIPLOMACY, ARMS SUPPLIES AND INTERNATIONAL CREDITS."
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